

The Watchman and Southron.

THE SUMTER WATCHMAN, Established April, 1850.

'Be Just and Fear not—Let all the ends Thou Aims't at be thy Country's, Thy God's and Truth's.'

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CORNER STONE LAID.

**Impressive Masonic Ceremonies
Held Thursday, Grand Master
F. E. Harrison Officiating.**

**A Great Concourse of
Masons From All
Parts of the
State.**

**Eloquent Addresses Delivered
by Gov. M. F. Ansel
and Col. W. W. Lumpkin—A Great Audience Present.**

The laying of the corner stone of Sumter's stately and beautiful new Court House Thursday with impressive Masonic ceremony by Grand Master F. E. Harrison of the Grand Lodge A. F. M. of South Carolina, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers, the officers and members of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, and a large concourse of Masons, representing lodges in all parts of South Carolina, marked the completion of the edifice, instead of its beginning, as is usually the case with such ceremonies. Viewed from the exterior the building has a completed appearance and its simple, beautiful and artistic lines and its stately proportions, its air of solidity and enduring permanence aroused the admiration of all of the great throng present during the ceremony. It is true that the interior is not yet quite complete, but the work is being pushed and if no unforeseen delay occurs the building will be delivered to the county commissioners, completed according to plans and specifications, by the contractor before the end of July. The work on the interior has reached a stage that permits of a correct and satisfactory conception of the appearance it will present when the finishing touches have been given and the completed edifice has received the approval of the master builder and has passed the final critical inspection of the supervising architect.

Both before and after the ceremonies hundreds availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the building within and without, and the spacious corridors and halls and court room were filled with proudly admiring taxpayers of Sumter and enviously admiring citizens of other less fortunate counties.

The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone began promptly at noon, the appointed hour. The Grand Lodge officers, the officers and members of Claremont Lodge and visiting Masons assembled in the Masonic Temple at 11 o'clock, where the procession was formed and proceeded up Liberty to Main and then up North Main street to the Court House, arriving a few minutes before high noon.

The officers of the Grand Lodge officiating were:

Worshipful Grand Master F. E. Harrison.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master J. L. Michie.
Senior Grand Warden W. R. Mood.
Junior Grand Warden M. F. Ansel.
Grand Marshal E. J. Rhame.
Grand Pursuivant W. C. Davis.
Grand Chaplain J. P. Marion, Jr.
Grand Treasurer Abe Ryttenberg.
Grand Secretary W. F. Rhame.
Senior Grand Deacons Geo. E. Beaumont and J. E. Davis.
Junior Grand Deacons J. G. DeLorme and Lucius Harvin.
Grand Stewards W. W. McKagen and C. P. Lesesne.
Grand Tiler C. C. Beck.

Upon arrival at the Court House the Grand Lodge officers and the choir, composed of a number of the best male voices in the city, assembled on the stand, which had been erected on the northeast corner of the building.

The following programme, prescribed by the ritual, was carried out:

Ode—"When Earth's Foundations First Were Laid."

Prayer—Grand Chaplain J. P. Marion, Jr.

The following articles were then deposited in the stone:

Articles Deposited in Corner Stone.

Roster officers and members Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M.

Copy of Columbia State, June 20, 1907.

Copy News and Courier, June 20, 1907.

Copy Watchman and Southron,

June 19, 1907.

Copy Daily Item, June 19, 1907.

Copy Sumter Herald, June 14, 1907.

Financial Statement Sumter Savings Bank.

Financial Statement First National Bank.

Financial Statement Farmers' Bank & Trust Co.

Financial Statement Bank of Sumter.

Roster of Pocahontas Tribe, I. O. R. M.

Roster Sumter Council, No. 7, J. O. U. A. M.

Roster Sumter Lodge, B. P. O. E.

List of State and county officials.

List of city officers, city Health Department, Water Works Commission, Sewerage Commission, Police Department.

List of officers and committees of Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

Statistical statement of the City of Sumter.

Biographical sketch of the late Col. T. V. Walsh, by E. I. Reardon, published in the State on December 22, 1906.

Masonic apron.

Autograph of T. W. Lee, treasurer of Sumter county.

Collection of pictures of City of Sumter.

Trying the Stone.

Corn, Wine and Oil.

the brotherhood of man. Its beginnings are lost in the hoary mists of antiquity whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. It is now in full tide of prosperity and usefulness, and it will end as we believe, only upon the resurrection morn when the angels' tramp shall awake the dead from their last long slumber, and the profane and the initiate shall alike be summoned before the judgment throne.

Upon the desert sands of time Masonry stands like a vast pyramid. Its three sides reflect Faith, Hope and Charity—faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity towards all mankind, while its summit pointing Heavenward indicates the one theological tenet of our profession, namely a belief in a divine Creator and Ruler of the universe. For this reason we admit men of all nations and of all religions who are willing to profess this belief in Deity—call Him by what name they may. We receive the Mohammedan who declares that Allah is God and Mohammed His prophet. We welcome the followers of the lowly Nazarine who regard Him as the Savior of the world, and we extend the hand of brotherly love to our Jewish brethren who while worshipping the same God look for a Messiah yet to come.

Of the candidate for the honors of Masonry we ask, not whether he has done great things or small, but we require of him a pure heart; not that he be possessed of worldly wealth or honors, but that his feet walk in the path of rectitude and that his life is one of good report.

After receiving him with the ancient rites and ceremonies and instructing him in the grand truths which Masonry endeavors to implant and foster in the hearts of its votaries, we say to him, "So live," &c.

To you my brethren who have been raised to the sublime degree of a

borders and friends who are outside may have nothing to criticise. Above all, never lose sight of the grand truth upon which all human hope and happiness relies, namely, the immortality of the soul. This, a fit counterpart of a firm belief in God, points to Heaven and a glorious immortality to which we all aspire.

The following programme was then carried out:

Music by Second Regiment Band.

Introduction of Col. W. W. Lumpkin by Hon. Geo. W. Dick.

Address by Col. W. W. Lumpkin, of Columbia.

Music—Second Regiment Band.

Introduction of Gov. M. F. Ansel, the orator of the day, by Mr. R. I. Manning.

Address by Gov. M. F. Ansel.

Music—Second Regiment Band.

Dr. Dick introduced Col. Lumpkin in his usual felicitous manner.

Col. Lumpkin, after a few preliminary remarks of a humorous nature, spoke for about twenty minutes.

He said in part:

Masonry teaches fortitude, prudence and justice.

Fortitude is that noble purpose of mind that will cause a man to do right; regardless of any peril or danger. It is not rashness, it is a cool, calm decision that a thing is right, and then doing it, though the mountains should fall and the earth reel and rock upon its foundations.

Prudence in Masonry teaches us to regulate our lives to the dictates of reason, speaking no word and doing no act that would bring discredit to the craft or to ourselves. To weigh our actions, so that when we do act or speak it will be wrought out in the mould of the loftiest ideals.

Justice is a virtue that Masonry teaches to be among the highest that man can practice. Justice is not only

He spoke of women and said Fortitude, Prudence and Justice had been carved into marble statues, but always the statue was the figure of a woman. That Fortitude, Prudence and Justice had been painted by master hands, until the heart of the world was stirred by the pathos of its beauty, but always the painting was the picture of a woman.

He said that woman was God's last creation and was His masterpiece. He closed by saying:

Go on, sons of the South,
And beat upon the iron of the years
The deep impress of your might.

Go on, sons of the South,
And scroll upon the pages of the earth
The peans of your triumphs.

Go on, sons of the South,
Weaving garlands of truth, and with
a new song measure
Trample the kingdoms down.

Go on, sons of the South,
And rise like eagles to the cloud
aeries
Of your future glory.

Mr. R. I. Manning, in introducing Gov. Ansel, said that the new Court House, typified the progress and enterprise of Sumter county along all lines, and demonstrates the enterprise, courage, faith and unselfish patriotism of our people as a whole and of those who had charge of the work in particular. This Court House has created a new standard for court houses and has set an example to all Carolina. It will give our people a higher conception of what a court house really stands for in our form of government. He presented Gov. Ansel, the highest officer of our State, as one fitted by training, experience and native ability to address the assembled people on this occasion.

GOV. ANSEL'S SPEECH.

Gov. Ansel spoke as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of the Mystic Tie, Ladies and Gentlemen: I feel it an honor to be present this morning. I felt it an honor when I received an invitation to be present and to say a few words upon this auspicious occasion.

Masons are apt, in their minds, to go back to the building of King Solomon's Temple, as they sit this day and see this temple of justice here. They will go back in their minds to the days of operative Masonry, when that temple was erected to law and to order. They will go back in their minds to the day of the building of King Solomon's Temple, when speculative Masonry, that which we represent here today, had its beginning and had its birth. That day, my friends, when the Church and the State were one, when that temple was built without the sound of hammer, where all the stone, fittingly joined together in the quarries, were placed in their position, when the corner stone was laid in its position and when at last the cap stone was placed in its position, thereby completing the work.

In every day, my friends, and in every country we find that law of some kind governs the people. Go with me, if you please, today in the jungles of Africa, and you will find that there they have their laws; go with me into the heart of China and you will find that there they have their laws; go with me to Japan or Turkey or any of the Oriental countries, and you will find that they have their law there. Come with me now, my friends, nearer to our home and go with me to the European powers and you will find that they have their laws there, and then come, if you please, to this beloved country of ours, this United States, and the State of South Carolina, and you will find that we have our law and order here. And we are here for the purpose this day, my friends, of laying the corner stone of this beautiful temple of justice—this beautiful temple erected to law and erected to order.

The Church and the State of these days have been separated, and we, in this great and free country of ours, in a republican form of government, where we can worship God under our own vine and fig tree, we shape our government, and complete the temple of justice with the cap stone of the Goddess of Justice, holding in her hands the scales of justice. In every country and in every day, therefore, law of some kind has been maintained, and we are proud of the day, my friends, of the fact that we live in this country of the free and the brave, and that we may erect temples for law and for order, and that our people, great and small, old and young, can come here and have dispensed to them truth and justice with an even hand. Think for a moment what this country would be without law and without order. Think, if you will, please, the great cares and the great

destruction that would go from one end of this country to the other, were it not for the law of the land, for the law of which binds us together as citizens, which binds us together as brethren, and which binds us as a people of a State and binds us together as a people of a nation.

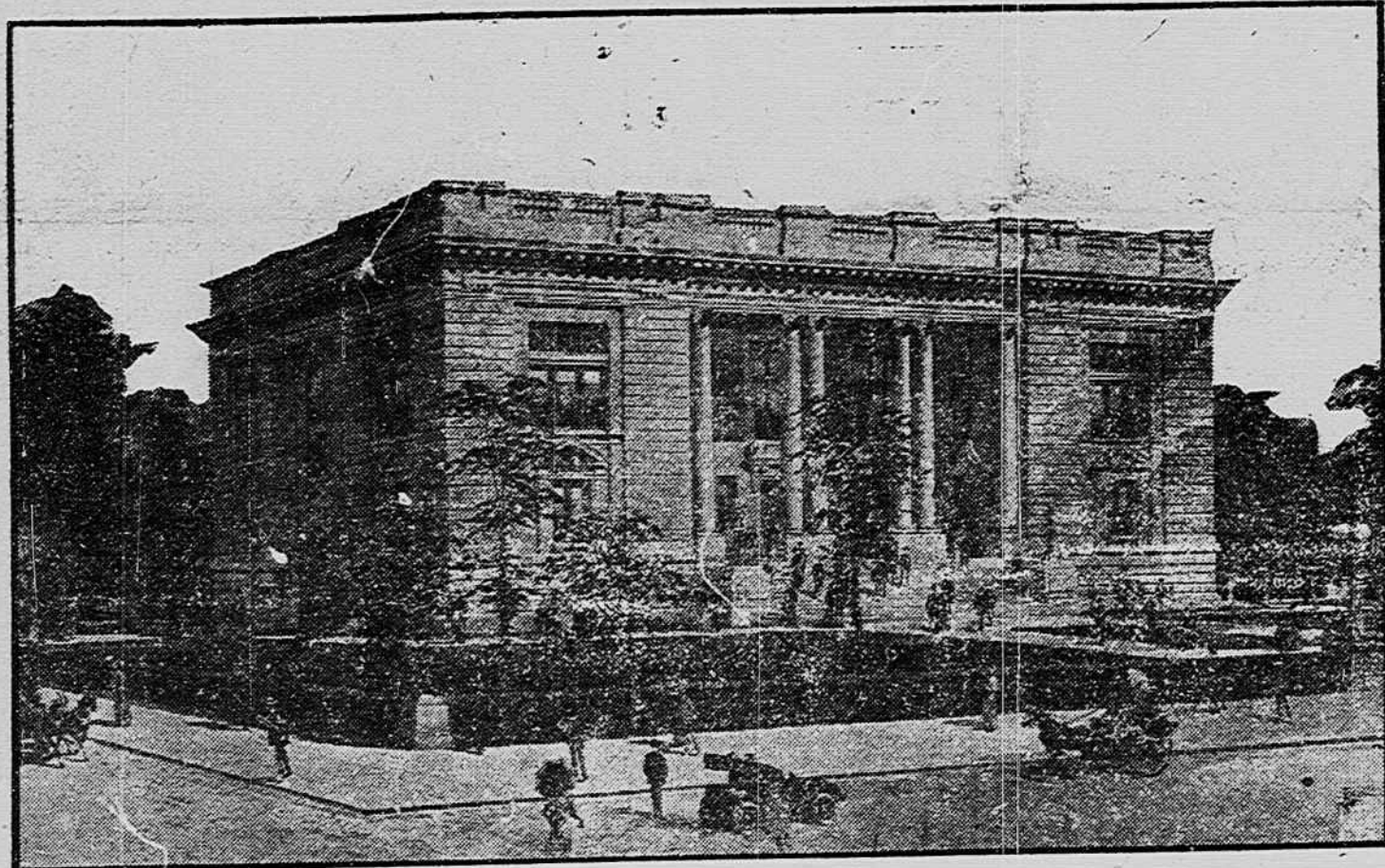
Our people, my friends, I am glad to say, are a peace-loving and law-abiding people. I am not a pessimist myself, and I believe that the people are better today than they have ever been in the history of this country, because they are imbued with the love of justice, and God has implanted in their hearts and minds lessons of truth and justice to their fellow-men and to this we owe it, to ourselves—our people that are gathered around about us and to the State and to the nation in which we live. I am glad to know that throughout the length and breadth of this country that our people look to law and look to order, and I feel satisfied, or I feel more than satisfied of the fact that in South Carolina today the people are a law-abiding and peace-loving people.

Here is erected a temple of justice, a temple of law, and representing as I do, and as your servant, my friends, law and order in South Carolina, it was my bounden duty to be present here and to say to you these things and others that I will say. Temple of justice—temple of truth—temple of law—ah, my friends, beautiful truth, white-winged truth, is to show its hand here and love of its purity, in all of its grandeur, in all of its simplicity, as truth between citizens, truth between litigants, truth and justice among all of the people. Here it is, my friends, that the law which is enacted by you, by the people, because in this republican form of government of ours you are the people, you are the law-makers and it is the laws that you, through your representatives, make that is to be carried out and enforced by him who sits upon the bench as he holds your court from term to term. He who holds justice with an even hand. He has to administer justice with an even hand, and to know every one—to the rich and to the poor—to the great and to the small—that every one, be he rich or poor, is entitled to in this liberty-loving country of ours. Justice, my friends, that which is due—that one owes to the other, these I say, well known to these brothers of the Mystic Tie, who are here before me today. Justice knows no man, knows nothing but the truth, knows nothing but that which is right and which is proper and which is just and which is true.

In every land, as I said, my friends, law has been established and in this twentieth century and in this good year of 1907 we, as a peace-loving, law-abiding people, come to do honor to this occasion, to give encouragement to those who have so well builded this house and to tell them, by our very presence here, that we are a law-abiding people, that we are a law-loving people and that we love justice and truth, and that it is our desire and the desire of every one, that for all time to come this beautiful temple may dispense justice and may dispense truth and may dispense light to all the people who shall come within its walls.

I desire to congratulate you—I desire to congratulate the people of Sumter county and I desire to congratulate the people of South Carolina upon what you have done here in erecting this \$100,000 structure, and it is but an earnest, my friends, of what you are doing and to carry on, the great purposes of law and of order that have prevailed in this country. You have set the pace for court house building, in order that others may see the good work that you have done, that they may come here and go within these walls and go back to their homes and build likewise. The erection of this very building shows to my mind what a progressive people, what a liberty-loving people you have in Sumter county. Go into any of the counties of the State and you will find many court houses, many beautiful court houses, but there are some that have not such handsome court houses. But I think it is an earnest to supplant them. I desire to congratulate you and all of the people upon the great work that has been done here. And another thing that I want to say: I want to sympathize with you—not in the erection of this Court House, but in having to stand where you are in the sun this morning, look at this beautiful structure and listen to what has been said. I feel assured that every one of you are Masons, some Blue Lodge Masons, some Royal Arch Masons and some Knight Templar, and I think these ladies belong to the Eastern Star. (Applause.) In the lodge room, you know when a man says to his wife,

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The New Court House.

Delivering the Implements to the Architect.

Anthem—Let There Be Light.

At the conclusion of the regular work, Grand Master Harrison delivered the following address:

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The laying of foundation stones is an ancient ceremonial of our order and is usually a most pleasant occasion on which Masonry appears in the public eye in a concrete form. It is usually invisible in its effects—working like the silent forces of nature, unseen, and like these forces its domain is universal over the civilized globe.

To the ladies who grace this occasion with their presence let me say you are most welcome. Though from the nature of our ritualistic ceremonies the doors of our lodges are closed to you, the beneficent influence of Masonry reaches out to you, and all unknown to you its protecting arm is extended about you, and the brethren present will testify to the fact that womanhood is held in higher reverence and more abiding respect by reason of our Masonic obligations. And though you cannot participate in the labors of Masonry our hearts are ever open to you in that you are crowned rightfully the queen of our affections. There is no star in the bright galaxy which spans the Masonic firmament which would not brighter shine if placed upon the bosom of lovely woman. Again, I bid you welcome.

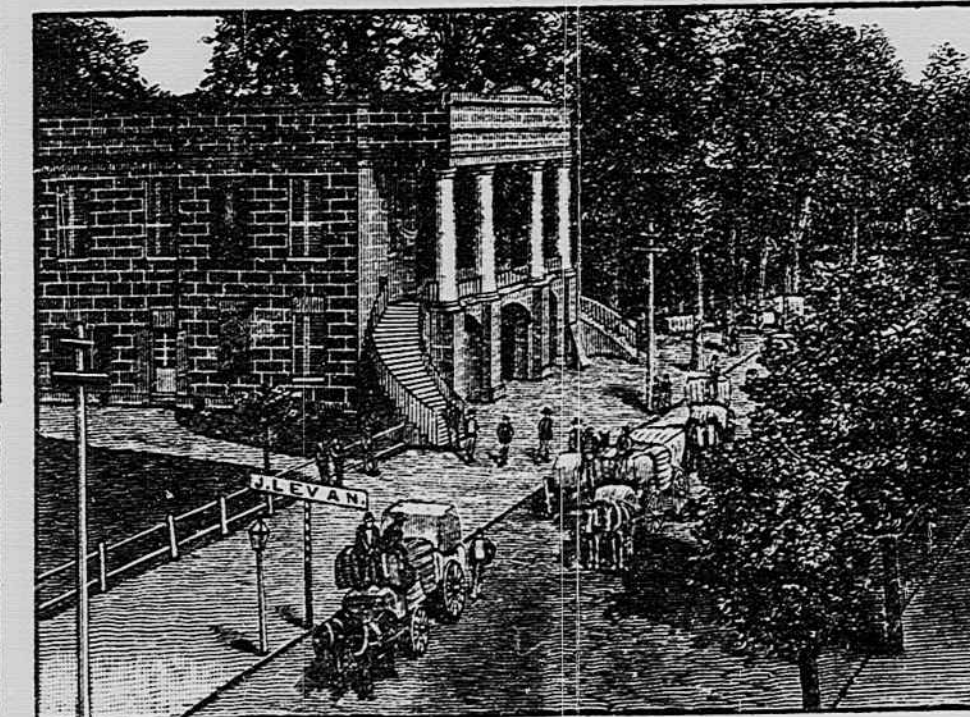
To those of our friends who have never beheld "that ancient hieroglyphic bright which none but craftsmen ever saw" and who have not as yet borne the honors which Masonry alone can bestow, let me say that ours is a society of friends and brothers, the chief principle of which is embodied in the fatherhood of God and

Master Mason and have taken part in the Holy of Holies it is unnecessary for me to speak of the beauty and glory of Masonry. You know full well how that air, water, earth and sky have contributed to Masonic Symbolism and how man's existence, from birth through the struggles of life and its final, certain end, all teach us most important truths.

You will pardon, however, a word of warning and of encouragement.

consistent with divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society. Justice as taught by Masonry defends the right, and is the eternal enemy of wrong.

He spoke of when the great Architect had finished the universe and laid down His trowel. He pronounced His work good. That He swung the stars and planets into their allotted places and lit the sun with the torch of His infinite genius.



The Old Court House.

Remember then that your lives are the mirror in which Masonry is viewed by the community in which you live. Its honor and reputation so far as your sphere of influence extends, are in your hand. See to it then that no discredit is brought upon the grand institution which has bestowed its benefits upon you and that your brethren may never have reason to regret your coming amongst them. You have an opportunity which is great in its possibilities for usefulness, in extending the influence of Masonry, establishing it in public regard, and strengthening it so that your neigh-

He said, that only to man was reason and speech and godlikeness given, and to this was affixed the attributes of Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. That man alone lives on immortal, and is so much a part of God that God Himself could not destroy man's immortality. He spoke to the younger generation, saying that they should let their watchwords be Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, if they would swing back the people into the ways of truth and righteousness, and would hammer into submission and defeat trusts and greed and graft.